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SUBJECT: RABIN VISIT: MAYOR OF GAZA PROTESTS TO PRESIDENT CARTER
OVER GOI SETTLEMENT POLICY

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE FOLLOWING CABLE
SENT TO THE PRESIDENT BY RASHED SHAWWA, THE MAYOR OF GAZA.

BEGIN TEXT:
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT
ISRAELI EXTREMISTS TO ESTABLISH A JEWISH SETTLEMENT ON
ARAB OCCUPIED LAND AT MESHA VILLAGE, A PART AND PARCEL OF
THE WEST BANK OCCUPIED IN 1967, IS AN OVERT BREACH OF HUMAN
RIGHTS FORMING A SERIOUS THREAT TO ALL YOUR EFFORT AND
THOSE OF THE HUMAN SOCIETY AT LARGE TO ACHIEVE A JUST
SETTLEMENT TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM BASED ON THE
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PRESERVATION OF THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF ALL PARTIES IN
THIS AREA. IT CONTRADICTS THE PRINCIPLES OF THE U.S.
CONSTITUTION AND PROMOTES LACK OF CONFIDENCE AMONG
THE PARTIES FOR WHOM PEACE IS SOUGHT. MOREOVER THIS
OFFICIAL STAND OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTES
A BREACH OF ALL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS OF NO ANNEX-
ATION OF LANDS BY FORCE OR AS A RESULT OF WAR, A PRI-

MARY PRINCIPLE UPON WHICH THE UNTTED NATIONS ORGANIZATION
WAS FOUNDED. AS YOU WILL BE RECEIVING THE PRIME
MINISTER OF ISRAEL IN WASHINGTON SHORTLY, WE PLEAD TO
YOU TO USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES TO STOP THIS CAMPAIGN
OF ESTABLISHING SETTLEMENTS ON ARAB OCCUPIED LAND IN
ORDER TO AVOID A POSSIBLE OUTCOME WHICH MAY BE DETRIMENTAL
TO PEACE EFFORTS.

RASHAD S. SHAWWA

MAYOR OF GAZA

COPY TO PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL
THROUGH THE MILITARY COMMANDER OF THE GAZA STRIP
COPY TO SECRETARY GENERAL UNITED NATIONS
END TEXT

2. DURING SECRETARY VANCE'S RECENT VISIT,
THE EMBASSY RECEIVED TWO OTHER PROTEST MESSAGES FROM MAYOR SHAWWA,
ONE ON ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES
AND ANOTHER ON PRISON CONDITIONS FOR ARAB PRISONERS
AT ASHKELON JAIL.

3. COMMENT: THE MAYOR HAS SEIZED ON THE MES'HA ISSUE
(SEE TEL AVIV 1424) AS THE MOST TIMELY EXAMPLE FOR
EXPRESSING HIS CONCERN ABOUT ISRAELI SETTLEMENT POLICY.
AN EXAMPLE CLOSER TO HIS AREA WOULD HAVE BEEN MOSHAV
HAZANI--IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GAZA STRIP--WHICH WAS
RECENTLY DEDICATED BY RABIN.

4. BEYOND THE FACTS THAT THE MAYOR EVIDENTLY HAS HIGH
HOPES FOR THE NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S MIDDLE EAST
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POLICY AND THAT HE WISHES TO REGISTER AT THE HIGHEST
LEVELS HIS VIEWS ON ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ET AL, IT WOULD
ALSO APPEAR THAT THE SHAWWAS ARE FLASHING THEIR ACTIVIST
CREDENTIALS FOR ALL TO SEE: THE AMERICANSN, THE ISRAELIS,
THE ARABS, THE PLO, AND THE GAZANS AND WEST BANKERS.

5. UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE, WE PLAN TO THANK THE
MAYOR FOR HIS VIEWS, TO INDICATE THAT HIS MESSAGE HAS
BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO REMIND HIM
THAT THE UNITED STATES IS ON RECORD AS OPPOSING
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES.
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